demand in the country during current alcohol year 1985-86 (Dec. 1985-November, 1986) a quantity of 19.39 lakh litres has been allocated for the present to Madhya Pradesh for being supplied from a surplus State to meet a part of their demand. Further in order to improve the availability of alcohol, Government is permitting duty free import of industrial alcohol (denatured) to industrial units in the States including Madhya Pradesh.

Production of life saving drugs

549. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the public sector undertakings engaged in production of life saving drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that their production has decreased during the last two years; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to increase their production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The following five public sector undertakings are engaged in production of life saving drugs:

1. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited.

2. Hindustan Antibiotics Limited.

3. Bengal Immunity Limited.

4. Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited.

5. Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Limited.

(b) A compartive statement showing their production during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 is attached. (*See* below)

(c) In-house task forces were constituted in December, 1985 by each of the public sector drug undertakings to identify the constraints and opportunities and to come out with concrete plans ofr rehabilitation and revival including technology upgradation and measures needed to tone up performance. In order to catalyse the functioning of these teams two consultants were associated by these companies with the task forces on part time basis. The task forces have not yet completed their studies.

Statement

(*In* Rs./*crores*)

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86 (Provisional)
Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited	117·74	117·35	120·99
Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.	34·60	40·82	41·64
Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited	9·96	11·35	10·03
Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	8 01	9·77	8·53
Bengal Immunity Limited	8·15	8·59	7·84